

# H I M M E L I

A series of timber members form a complex lattice, drawing inspiration from traditional geometry of Finnish Himmeli decorations. Sympathetically scaled and sculpted to minimise impact on the surroundings, the “Himmeli” box sits comfortably and glows during the evening, becoming the jewel in the harbour.

The hanging “Himmeli” facades angle inwards as a welcoming gesture to the generous public spaces and begin to reveal the interior of the museum. Public facilities are located on the ground floor merging seamlessly with the exterior public realm. The galleries are located a floor above, housed within flexible, controlled spaces. A Finnish restaurant occupies the roof and the terrace sits within a bio-diverse edible garden, commanding spectacular views to the harbour.

The entire building from structure, cladding and screen is proposed to be constructed from Finnish Timber, minimising the embodied energy of the building, creating a sustainable, healthy and responsible new landmark for Helsinki.